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1. DEPT PROPOSES INFORM SOVIET EMBASSY HERE US PREPARED HOLD BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON CHARTER REVIEW AS IT REQUESTED (REFTEL 3) BUT PREFERS HOLD SUCH CONSULTATIONS IN NEW YORK, THOUGH PREPARED TO CONTINUE PUT THIS SUBJECT CONFIDENTIAL

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ON AGENDA OF OUR ANNUAL WASHINGTON-MOSCOW EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND OF PRE-GA USUN AND SMUN EXCHANGE. DEPT WOULD ALSO PREFER HAVE SUCH CONSULTATIONS DELAYED UNTIL AFTER MIDDLE OF MAY SINCE IT SEES NO OCCASION FOR HASTE GIVEN FACT SUBJECT WILL NOT ARISE AGAIN FORMALLY UNTIL 32ND GA. ASSUMING SOVIET REACTION FAVORABLE, USUN SHOULD THEN INFORM SOVIET MISSION OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS.

2. USUN SHOULD ALSO PROMPTLY INFORM UK AND FRENCH MISSIONS OF EXCHANGES WITH SOVIETS ON THIS MATTER AND BEFORE FIRST BILATERAL CONSULTATION OCCURS. IN THIS CONNECTION IT SHOULD BE NOTED THERE DEFINITE CONTRADICTIONS IN POSITION RE BILATERAL AS AGAINST QUADRILATERAL CONSULTATIONS TAKEN BY SOVIETS IN APPROACH REPORTED REFTEL 3 AND THAT

REPORTED REFTEL 1. YOU SHOULD THEREFORE INFORM UK AND FRENCH THAT IF THEY ARE AGREEABLE WE INTEND PROPOSE AT FIRST BILATERAL MEETING WITH SOVIETS THAT FURTHER CONSULTATIONS THIS MATTER TAKE PLACE IN USUAL QUADRILATERAL CONTEXT

3. AT FIRST BILATERAL MEETING, DEPT BELIEVES MISSION SHOULD ALSO MAKE POINTS RECOMMENDED PARA 2 REFTEL 2 RE SOVIET TACTICAL RIGIDITY AND PARA 3 REFTEL 2 RE CONTINUATION SPECIAL COMMITTEE AS APPROPRIATE. FROM INFORMAL SOVIET PAPER LEFT WITH US AT MEETING REPORTED REFTEL 3 AS WELL AS SOVIET COMMENTS AT THAT TIME, IT CLEAR USSR LIKELY OPPOSE CONTINUATION OF THIS COMMITTEE BY 32ND GA AND SEEK PERSUADE US (AND PRESUMABLY UK AND FRANCE) TO JOIN IT IN SO DOING. FROM GENERAL TENOR SOVIET PAPER, IT ALSO APPEARS POSSIBLE THIS SOVIET EFFORT COULD EXTEND TO ATTEMPT OBTAIN PRIOR AGREEMENT OF OTHER THREE TO JOIN IT IN NON-PARTICIPATION SPECIAL COMMITTEE IF IT CONTINUED BY 32ND GA. WE SEE NO JUSTIFICATION FOR OPPOSING CONTINUATION OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE OR NON-PARTICIPATION IN IT IF CONTINUED UNLESS ITS PRESENT CONFIDENTIAL

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MANDATE SO RADICALLY ALTERED BY 32ND GA AS TO MAKE MANDATE COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE, WHICH OBVIOUSLY CANNOT BE DETERMINED IN ADVANCE.

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